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## PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

*Report from Manila—Plague and smallpox—Cholera in the provinces.*

Passed Assistant Surgeon Perry, chief quarantine officer for the Philippine Islands, reports, February 20, as follows: Two fatal cases of plague, both Filipinos, occurred in Manila during the week ended February 14, 1903. During the same period there was one case of smallpox.

*Report of cholera occurring in provincial towns in the Philippine Islands for the week ended February 14, 1903.*

Place.	Province.	Cases.	Deaths.
Nabua .....	Camarines Sur .....	12	7
Penaranda .....	Nueva Ecija .....	2	1
San Leonardo .....	do .....	2	2
Batangas .....	Batangas .....	1	0
Balincaguen .....	Zambales .....	29	14
Guinobatan .....	Albay .....	1	0
Cebu .....	Island of Cebu .....	7	2
Talisay .....	do .....	16	10
Pardo .....	do .....	9	6
Bay-bay .....	Island of Leyte .....	17	16
Jimeno .....	Island of Panay .....		
Panay .....	Province of Capiz .....	2	1
Panitan .....	do .....	14	4
Barbaza .....	do .....	2	2
Bagason .....	Island of Antique .....	11	5
Pantongon .....	do .....	9	7
Ilog .....	do .....	1	2
Loculan .....	Island of Negros .....	4	3
Balingasag .....	Island of Mindanao .....		
Misamis .....	Province of Misamis .....	142	70
Cagayan .....	do .....	14	7
Jimenez .....	do .....	49	37
Oroquieta .....	do .....	76	30
Jasaan .....	do .....	123	25
Agusan .....	do .....	16	11
.....	do .....	3	0
.....	do .....	8	8
Total .....	.....	570	270

*No cholera in Manila.*

No cholera cases were reported in Manila during the week ended February 14, 1903. Three weeks have elapsed since date of last case.

## PORTO RICO.

*Smallpox on U. S. S. Alliance at San Juan—Schooner Guillermito disinfected for rubella.*

Assistant Surgeon King, chief quarantine officer for Porto Rico, reports, March 24 and 25, as follows:

I have the honor to confirm the following cable:

U. S. training ship *Alliance* arrived to-day from Port of Spain with three cases of smallpox. Cases removed to isolation hospital. Vessel will be disinfected and held. Will report further next mail.

This vessel arrived at Port of Spain, Trinidad, on February 17, after twenty-seven days out from Hampton Roads. The surgeon of the ship, on investigating rumors of smallpox in the city, saw a number of cases in the hospital most of which were diagnosed chicken pox. On learning that the disease was widespread in the city, shore liberty was stopped on the 25th, the ship sailing on the 28th.

On March 6 a case appeared which proved to be rather severe discrete smallpox. Two other cases of mild varioloid appeared, the last being on the 11th instant. It is interesting to note that the severest case had been vaccinated, apparently with good result, only a month previous to contracting the disease. The others had been vaccinated on enlistment.

These cases with all their effects were so promptly isolated in a boat on the stern davits that there was little chance of infecting the ship, but their presence showed that there had been infectible material on board, although all had been vaccinated on enlistment, hence it was deemed advisable by the quarantine officer and the ship's surgeon to hold the ship fourteen days from the isolation of the last case, i. e., March 11, for observation of the crew.

After arrival the sick were transferred to the isolation hospital at the quarantine station, and the vessel was disinfected with sulphur and bichloride solution, the cabins with formalin, clothing and dunnage with sulphur and formalin. All on board were given a bichloride bath. There have been no more cases to date, and the ship will be released to-day from quarantine. The varioloid cases have recovered and returned on board. The other case is convalescent and will probably be discharged in another week.

The disease was evidently contracted in Port of Spain, where there have been some 350 cases. There exists a great difference of opinion as to whether it is smallpox or chicken pox, but the cases on the *Alliance* were undoubtedly smallpox. A cable published in the New York Herald of March 12 states that Dr. Bridger, health officer of Barbados, has investigated the disease in Trinidad and pronounced it smallpox.

The schooner *Guillermo* was partially disinfected on account of a case diagnosed as rubella.

### *Inspection of immigrants.*

*Report of alien steerage passengers arriving at Ponce during the week ended March 21, 1903.*

Date of arrival.	Vessel.	Where from.	Number of immigrants.
Mar. 18	Cuban steamship Julia .....	Habana and Santo Domingo .....	7
Mar. 21	British schooner Urania .....	Halifax .....	2
Mar. 21	German steamship Helvetia .....	Hamburg and St. Thomas .....	2
	Total .....		11

*Report of alien steerage passengers arriving at San Juan during the week ended March 21, 1903.*

Date of arrival.	Vessel.	Where from.	Number of immigrants.
Mar. 18	French steamship Olinde Rodriguez...	Port au Prince, Cape Haitien, Aguadilla.	3
18	Cuban steamship Julia .....	Habana, Nuevitas, Porto Padre, Gibara, Santiago, Santo Domingo, Macoris, Ponce, Mayaguez, Aguadilla.	18
19	German steamship Helvetia .....	Hamburg, Antwerp, St. Thomas .....	3
19	American schooner George May. ....	St. Croix .....	2
	Total .....		26